

Ecological Risk Assessment Decision Framework Meeting

April 11, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (management meeting follows)

Ater Wynne, 222 SW Columbia Ave., suite 1800, room 19E

Take the elevator to the 18th floor then walk upstairs to room 19E.

Conference line available: 1-866-262-1784 *6071501*

9:45 Arrive and settle in

10:00 Introduction and opening comments – *Chip Humphrey, Bob Wyatt, Rick Applegate*

10:20 **Review the purpose of today's meeting** and our agenda – *Mikell O'Mealy*

- The primary purpose of today's meeting is to reach agreement on the high-level decision framework for conducting the Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA), using the LWG's March 15, 2005 ERA Decision Framework document as the basis of our discussion.

10:30 **General reaction from EPA/partners** to the LWG ERA Framework document – *Eric Blischke*

- Areas of agreement
- Areas of disagreement or issues raised
- Areas requiring more definition or clarification

10:45 **Discussion of issues to resolve areas of disagreement** – *All*

- The group will discuss the issues identified by EPA/partners related to the LWG ERA Framework document (see the attached issues summary) and seek resolution where possible. During the discussion, we will capture areas where greater detail and/or additional evaluation is needed to determine how the framework will be applied on-the-ground, providing a basis for future technical meetings between EPA/partners and the LWG.
- Issue resolution process
While technical team members will be able to explore options and seek agreement on ways to resolve issues in this meeting, it's likely that some issues will need to be elevated to management for resolution. The following process will be used to resolve the issues raised so that work can move forward in a timely way.
 1. Technical team members (with management presence) will discuss options to resolve the issues and seek agreement on resolution. If no technical agreement is reached –
 2. Portland Harbor Managers will consider the technical dialogue and try to make a decision to resolve the issues, or determine that more technical discussion is needed. If management agreement is not reached and additional technical discussion is not necessary –
 3. EPA will consider the technical and management dialogue and make a decision to resolve the issue, communicating the decision back to managers and technical staff in a timely way.

noon Lunch break

12:45 Continue discussion of issues -- *All*

2:30 **Review agreements made to resolve issues** and affirm next steps – *Mikell O'Mealy*

3:00 Adjourn technical meeting

3:00 **Portland Harbor Managers meet** to consider the technical dialogue, resolve outstanding issues (if necessary), and outline any follow-up actions needed.